

A LUNATIC DOCTOR'S CRIME.

St. Joe's Crazy Quack Kills Editor Strong
of the Herald

A MAD RICHMOND IN THE FIELD.

The Murderer Attempts to Take His Own Life but Makes a Miser-

of an Imbecile.

St. Louis Mobbing Tragedy.
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 10.—A telegram from the Brer, Tex. morning about half past ten o'clock three pistol shots were heard in quick succession in the Herald office on Sixth and Edmund streets, and a man was seen to run out on the street turning west, on Edmund, and when opposite Bergman's furniture store to stop, put a revolver to his head and fire. He fell on the pavement on his back. It was seen that the man was Dr. S. A. Richmond of "Samaritan nerving" notoriety. The ball, from a thirty-eight calibre revolver, struck him in the temple and dated around the frontal bone, and then transpired that the first three shots fired, in the Herald counting room had done their fatal work and that Col. J. W. Strong, man-

W. M. Shepherd, business manager of the

Deland, was seated at his desk behind the counter busily engaged in writing. As soon as he heard the shots he looked up to see what was the matter and saw Col. Strong lying at the door leading into the editorial room with blood gushing from a wound in the neck. The wounded man was picked up and carried into the managing editor's room.

in the rear portion of the Herald building and a few moments later was cold and rigid in death, his last breath fluttering through

From all that can be learned a carriage drove up to the Herald office and Dr. Richmond leaped out, ran into the Herald counting room, where Colonel Strong, E. F. Hartzell and another man were talking. The colonel was sitting in an arm chair in the northeast corner of the counting room as

ired the first shot, which evidently struck Colonel Strong in the small of the back. The colonel then rose just as another shot was

died and the third one quickly followed, striking the colonel in the neck, passing through and coming out at the back. It was this shot that evidently proved fatal. A bullet was afterwards picked up on the floor that had evidently struck the wall without hitting its intended victim.

When the reporter reached Edmond street an immense crowd had already gathered

Richmond. As the reporter forced his way through the crowd the eyelids of the doctor fluttered slightly and a moment later, he was

taken up and carried into Bergman's furniture store and laid on a table. An examination was immediately made of the wound, which was found to be but slight, having only stunned the man. The Bee reporter then forced his way into the Herald counting room, where a pool of blood marked the spot where Strong had fallen. The body of the murdered man lay on the carpet in his pri-

under his head. The eyes were partly closed and the face with its crown of iron grey hair and full beard looked as though he had fallen

asleep. A few friends, the reporters and surgeons were in the room. A son of the colonel lay across the body moaning in deep, keen anguish. A dark pall had fallen upon all around and as they gazed upon the cold, rigid form of one who but a few moments before had been in full enjoyment of health,

The history of the Richmond sensation is

It will be remembered that the first chapter of this remarkable case was the sudden and mysterious disappearance of Dr. S. A. Richmond from the city several months since, and the subsequent discovery of his silk hat upon the river bank. The brothers of the doctor were summoned to St. Joe, when a reward of \$500 was offered for the body, dead or alive, which was increased finally to \$1,000. The river was thoroughly dragged, and every possible effort made to discover his whereabouts.

abandoned. But new interest was added to the matter, by the publication of certain letters written by Dr. Richmond, which were

sent none in a valise the night before he disappeared. The letters were highly sensational and created great excitement in the city. In them Dr. Richmond accused Colonel Strong and two other attorneys of St. Joseph of having ruined him while acting as his attorney. He said that on several occasions he had made up his mind to kill them all, then kill himself, but never could get his own consent at the critical moment. Several weeks since telegrams were received from Chicago announcing that the doctor had been

lice. The doctor's wife went to Chicago immediately and in a day or two returned with her husband. The medical authorities of Chicago

pronounced him insane. After his arrival here Dr. Banes was employed as his physician. After a thorough examination of the doctor's condition Dr. Banes was positive his patient's mind was almost destroyed, that he was nearer an imbecile than a lunatic. The doctor has been kept at his house under the strict watch of his family and friends since that time, but

stated. He is at this writing becoming rational, but in a very enfeebled state.

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